(altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, ¹⁶"Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17" for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." 18(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it': and, 'Let another take his office.' ²¹"Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²"beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." ²³And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they

prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which

of these two You have chosen ²⁵"to

take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by

¹⁵And in those days Peter stood up

in the midst of the disciples

transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

St. Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶"Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ²⁸"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."



PSALM 68

Introit.

Ant. I KNOW | Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

| There is laid up for me a crown of | righteous- | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

Psalm. O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY | be to the Father and to the | Son | -:

and to | the | Ho- | ly- | Ghost.

AS IT | was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be: world with- out end. A- men. (Ant. Repeated.)

Collect.

O Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandest them earnestly to feed Thy flock: Make, we beseech Thee, all Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Epistle. Acts 1:15-26

Gospel. Matthew 11:25-30

Gradual.

| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth: and their words to the | end | of | the | world.

| The heavens declare the glory of | God | -:

and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:

that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Psalm 68:1-9—Exsurgat Deus

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: SING TO || God, sing praises to His | name; | - *

Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name Yah, and re- | joice | be- | fore | Him.

|| 1 Let God arise, let His enemies be | scat- | tered; *

Let those also who hate Him | flee | be- | fore | Him.

- || 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them a- | way; | *
 As wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the | pre- |
 sence | of | God.
- || 3 But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before | God; | * Yes, let them rejoice | ex- | ceed- | ing- | ly.
- || 4 Sing to God, sing praises to His | name; | *
 Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name Yah, and re- | joice |
 be- | fore | Him.
- || 5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of | wid- | ows, * Is God in His holy | hab- | i- | ta- | tion.
- || 6 God sets the solitary in fami -lies; (+) He brings out those who are bound into pros- | per-i- | ty; *

But the rebellious dwell | in | a | dry | land.

- || 7 O God, when You went out before Your | peo- | ple, * When You marched through | the | wild- | er- | ness,
- \parallel 8 The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of \mid God; \mid *

Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God | of | Is- | ra- | el.

|| 9 You, O God, sent a plentiful | rain, | - *

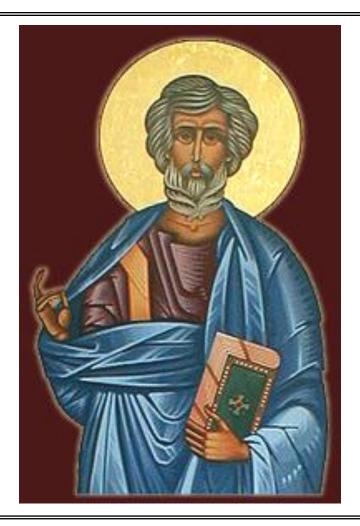
Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when | it | was | wea- | ry.

GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - * and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: * world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

Antiphon: | Sing to God, sing praises to His | name; | - *
Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name Yah, and re- | joice |
be- | fore | Him.

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